

TOWN OF SOUTHTON
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Daly called the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, held at Headquarters on August 15, 2007, to order at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners Daly, Kupec, Sherman, and Bedard were present. Commissioner Perillo arrived at 7:35 p.m. Also in attendance were Chief McDonough and Asst. Chief Wisner.

Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed for the death of retired FF Joe Truss, who was a member of Company 2 for over forty years.

MOTION: by Kupec, seconded by Bedard, to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2007, meeting as circulated. Motion carried with 3 ayes and 1 abstention.

MOTION: by Sherman, seconded by Kupec, to approve payment of bills for June 2007, Fiscal Year 06-07 of \$88,589.26 and Fiscal Year 07-08 of \$ 2,830.00. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Sherman, seconded by Kupec, to approve payment of bills for July 2007, Fiscal Year 06-07 of \$30,998.48, Fiscal Year 07-08 of \$21,989.75. Motion carried with 3 ayes and 1 abstention.

CHIEFS REPORT: (Copy attached to minutes)

- Assistant Chief Wisner attended the July Board of Finance meeting. One of the requests was for the Special Appropriation for oil separators for Companies 2 and 5. The board approved the requests and Chief McDonough is awaiting publication of the last Town Council for their approval. The Town Engineer has also been contacted to write specifications for the project bid.
- Chief McDonough attended the August Board of Finance meeting with requests for a carryover and transfers to close the 06-07 fiscal year.
- The annual ladder testing was done in July and a worn area on Ladder 2 was discovered by the testing company. Pierce Manufacturing was contacted and they are sending a letter stating that the condition is in compliance with the manufacturer's guidelines. The department will monitor the area which is under warranty from a recent repair done on the same area.
- Both chiefs met with Dr. Scarfo at the new acute medical practice on West Street to discuss using his services to provide the biennial physicals for the volunteers. Pricing is putting together to see if they are comparable to the present provider. The other service, drug and alcohol testing for the career force, was determined that they were not qualified to administer the test by DOT standards.
- All security cameras have been installed in the outlying stations. The recordings are taped to the systems hard drives and are motion activated.

Richard Lopatsky is looking into connecting the stations to the DSL line so the cameras can be accessed at Headquarters.

- Commissioner Kupec asked Chief McDonough about the status of the repaving of Headquarters. Chief McDonough told him that the amount was cut in half by the Board of Finance and would not be enough to complete the job. He recommends that the money be carried over to next year and to ask for the difference in the 08-09 budget.
- Commissioner Kupec also asked the status of the Thermal Imaging Camera. Chief McDonough stated that the department is sampling different brands before a decision is made.

MOTION: by Kupec, seconded by Bedard, to accept the Chief's Report.
Motion carried unanimously

COMMUNICATIONS:

Memo from Asst. Chief Wisner recommending the Volunteer Incentive Plan share amount.

Memo from Chief McDonough recommending the approval of FF Arthur Stolywho to Training Officer for Company 5.

Memo from Chief McDonough recommending approval of Company 2's request to hold a Fall Mum Flower Sale September 21-23.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

FP Nelson DeAngelo told the board of his employer's desires to donate two older fire engines to a needy town even has proposed holding a raffle and donating money to Fire Department. FF D'Arcy told him that he can contact the CT Fire Academy that they take in used equipment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: by Kupec, seconded by Sherman, to approve the Incentive shares for 06-07 as \$573 full share and \$286.50 for a half share. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Sherman, seconded by Kupec, to approve the appointment of FF Arthur Stolywho to Training Officer of Company 5 with a six-month probationary period. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Bedard, seconded by Perillo, to approve Company 2's request to hold a Fall Mum Flower Sale September 21-23, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Perillo, seconded by Bedard, to adjourn to Executive Session, excluding the public and press with the exception of the Chief and Asst. Chief, to discuss personnel matters at 7:52 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board of Fire Commissioners entered executive session immediately following the Board of Fire Commissioners meeting with the following in attendance in order to discuss personnel matters:

The following board members were present, viz:

Kevin R. Daly
Robert Sherman
Elaine Bedard
Thomas Kupec
Louis Perillo

Ex-Officio members present were as follow, viz:

Richard McDonough, Fire Chief
Thomas Wisner, Asst. Fire Chief

Chief McDonough left Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.
Asst. Chief Wisner left Executive Session at 9:15 p.m.

No motions were made or votes taken during executive session.

MOTION: by Perillo, seconded by Sherman, to return to regular session at 10:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Perillo seconded by Kupec, to accept applications for the position of Fire Chief/Fire Marshal from Southington Fire Department firefighters at the rank of lieutenant and higher. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: by Perillo, seconded by Sherman, to return to adjourn at 10:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Robert Sherman, Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners